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COLONEL PLUMER

FORCED BACK.

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Mafeking seems further off than ever from relief. This news was contained in a dispatch from Bulawayo, dated Monday, March 19th, and published in the second edition of the Times. These advices add that the base hospital has been brought back to Gaborone, though the correspondent further says it is thought the object of the Boer demonstration of March 15th and March 16th was to cover the removal of the siege guns from Mafeking.

General French's activity in the Orange Free State may well be a preliminary to a forward movement by Lord Roberts with the main army. A dispatch from Bloemfontein, dated Thursday, March 23d, says President Kruger is reported to have issued a proclamation declaring that Great Britain is in dire straits and that the Russians have occupied London.

FREE STATERS SUSPECTED.

A Springfield cable published in the second edition of the Times says: "The apparent submissive attitude of the Free Staters should be accepted with caution. The large proportion of obsolete inferior weapons being turned in by them to the British is giving the impression that large stores of modern Mausers are being concealed."

The Outlook's special correspondent at Cape Town says:

"Feeling is running strong against the leniency with which the rebels of Cape Colony and Natal are being treated by the British authorities."

GENERAL FRENCH FIGHTING.

London, March 23.—According to a special dispatch from Cape Town, dated to-day, General French's cavalry brigade is fighting eastward of Bloemfontein.

It was announced in a dispatch to the Associated Press from Bloemfontein last night that General French, with a brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry, had arrived at Thabanchu, east of Bloemfontein, or about half way between that place and Ladybrand, on the frontier of Basutoland, and had opened heliographic communication with Maseru, the chief town of Basutoland. It was added that he reported all well. But the position taken by General French would indicate that his instructions were to intercept the Boer forces which have been operating against the British troops under General Gatacre, and which are understood to be in retreat from Bethulle, Rouxville and other places in the southern part of the Orange Free State.

GENERAL FRENCH SAFE.

Bloemfontein, March 22.—General French, with a brigade of cavalry and mounted infantry, has arrived at Thabanchu and opened heliographic communication with Maseru. He reports all well.

THE BOERS RALLYING.

Boer Camp, Kroonstadt, Thursday, March 22.—Affairs are being put in proper shape, and the Free Staters, who had to leave, are returning in crowds. The President's proclamation has shown the burghers that the Government is standing firm. The commands are mobilizing in great numbers, and the men are more determined than ever.

President Steyn has issued a proclamation in which he warns the burghers who lay down their arms and help the English that they are liable to the utmost punishment as traitors.

BRITISH DEFEATED.

London, March 23.—9:21 p. m.—The War Office has issued the following: "From the General at Cape Town to the Secretary of War: 'Cape Town, March 23.—The following telegram has arrived from Nicholson, Bulawayo, March 16: 'The following is from Plumer, Lobatse, March 14: The Boers advanced from the South in considerable force this morning. They first advanced from Goede's Siding. After a sharp little engagement Lieutenant-Colonel Bodley's advanced post was compelled to retreat. The retirement was excellently carried out to our main position. The casualties included Lieutenant Chapman and a corporal, prisoners, and two missing, probably prisoners. Five troopers were wounded. Chapman's horse fell with him close to the enemy, who immediately surrounded him. The exact Boer casualties are unknown, but several were shot at short range. In the afternoon the Boers advanced further north and shelled our position from a ridge on our left. Our 12½ pounder replied, the artillery duel continuing until sunset. Lieutenant A. J. Tyler has since died of wounds. One native was killed.'"

MARTIAL LAW.

Cape Town, March 23.—It is understood that Sir Alfred Milner's mission northward is connected with the enforcement of martial law. He will use his personal influence toward the pacification of disaffected centers.

The Cape ministry is loyally supporting him. Martial law, in response to requests from loyalists, has been proclaimed in the Gordian districts.

LORD METHUEN'S POSITION.

London, March 23.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Warrenton, dated

Thursday, describing Lord Methuen's position there, says:

"A small flanking force sent through Doshof secured an important crossing, where the ferry had been destroyed, but foreseeing this, Lord Methuen had another pont built, which is ready to be sent thither when the advance is considered opportune."

"The cavalry and infantry column is enroute for this point. Thus the position of the Boers at Fourteen Streams is fearfully threatened."

"Lord Methuen's advance has not been hurried to the relief of Mafeking, where the pressure apparently has been relaxed as a result of operations elsewhere, but he is confident of his ability to push aside the opposition on the Vaal river when the proper time comes."

A GIGANTIC COMBINE.

TRUE STATUS OF THE CARNEGIE-FRICK CONTROVERSY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Pittsburg, March 23.—The Associated Press is enabled to-night to present to the public the following absolutely true account of the status of the Carnegie-Frick controversy:

"All the parties in interest met in the board room of the Carnegie Steel Company for six hours to-day, and as a result not only have all matters of difference been settled and adjusted, but the separate and distinct amounts which each party is to receive from the great combined capital has been agreed upon. The charter of the Carnegie company has been signed by all the parties in interest, some 36 in all, and the three first names in the certificates are Andrew Carnegie, followed by Henry Phipps, Jr., and Henry Clay Frick, thus indicating to the world that the old friends and recent litigants are again united and standing together at the head of the combined industries, with its capital of one hundred and sixty million dollars and its securities amounting to perhaps as much more."

Pittsburg, therefore, has the credit of organizing the greatest corporation that the United States has ever known. It is not the world, in that it starts out with \$100,000,000 of stock subscribed for over the signature of thirty-six men who are fully able to respond to their subscriptions for this vast amount."

Of this amount Andrew Carnegie subscribed over \$30,000,000, Henry Phipps about \$18,000,000, Henry C. Frick about \$15,000,000, Charles M. Schwab about \$15,000,000, and Francis T. P. Lovejoy about \$8,000,000. The rest are in scattering amounts, representing about \$20,000,000."

It is stated, too, authoritatively, that on not one paper has there ever been signatures representing a greater amount of actual worth in the mercantile world."

All minor points of detail were agreed on and the execution of a general power of attorney, signed by all of the incorporators, to James R. Dill, of New York, corporation lawyer."

NORFOLK & WESTERN.

PRESIDENT FINK CONTRADICTS A RUMOR.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, March 23.—President Fink, of the Norfolk and Western, said to-day he knew of absolutely no foundation for the revived rumors of the Pennsylvania railroad having purchased a controlling interest in the stock. He did not know why the Pennsylvania should want to control the Norfolk and Western.

"The same reasons," he continued, "which led to that company's purchases of the Baltimore and Ohio and Chesapeake and Ohio do not exist in the case of the Norfolk and Western."

"Those lines were aggressive in the traffic field, and were great rate cutters. We have never given the Pennsylvania any trouble on rates, and the policy of the company could not be more conservative if it were controlled by that company. We have always tried to get good rates for our traffic, and do not carry freight at unprofitable rates."

"We have never been a disturber of rates, and the control of the Norfolk and Western by a larger company could not improve the traffic situation, as might be the case if we pursued a different policy in rate matters. We practically retired from the competition for grain traffic because the rates had got so low that it did not seem worth while to transport it. We formerly carried 12,000,000 bushels a year, but at the present time practically take only enough to fill our empty box cars going to Norfolk for return loads."

PORTO RICANS STARVING.

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST U. S. GOVERNMENT.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Ponce, Porto Rico, March 23.—The situation here is now more serious than at any time before or since the terrible hurricane. In many places the poor are starving. The price of rice, beans and codfish have increased from 50 to 100 per cent.

Demonstrations against the delay of the United States government in settling open questions have recently been held at Mayaguez, Yaguajay, Arecibo, Aguadilla, Pajardo, Juana Diaz, Guayama and many other towns. The people are unable to understand the delay and they condemn all Americans indiscriminately. Bad feeling is arising, which it will take years to overcome. Even riots are threatened. Trouble is almost inevitable unless the tension is relieved. Even wealthy land owners cannot command ready cash, and many Americans are penniless, being glad to work for their board."

ERNE STILL CHAMPION.

HE WHIPPED GANS, THE BALTIMORE NEGRO.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, March 23.—Frank E. Erne, of Buffalo, successfully defended his title of lightweight champion of the world against Joe Gans, colored, of Baltimore, before the Broadway Athletic Club to-night. Erne did most of the heavy fighting, displaying better judgment and more skill than his opponent. Gans received his punishment gamely until the twelfth round, when his left eye was started from its socket by a terrific right-hand swing from the Buffalo boy. Gans was helpless, and there was no alternative for the referee but to award the decision to Erne.

Trial Date Fixed.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

New York, March 23.—The trial of Miss Olga Netherole, the actress, has been fixed for April 3d.

WALTER COTTON, THE MURDERER

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description had come into a store there to buy cheese and other small articles. Exhausted by fatigue, excitement and lack of food Cotton soon fell asleep, but was aroused when some one casually remarked that bloodhounds were after Cotton. He escaped into the night.

THE CAPTURE.

Branch and the posse left Emporia for Jarratt's. While there making arrangements to be put off at a convenient spot a wire came saying that Cotton had been arrested at a point 1½ miles from Stony Creek. A party headed by Farmer W. H. Moore had caught Cotton on the railroad and landed him safely.

There was danger of personal violence to Cotton before they got him in jail. A citizen wanted to stab him with a knife, and after arriving at Emporia, where several hundred people were waiting, there was talk of shooting him down, but a prison door was finally closed upon him.

COTTON TALKS.

When Branch approached Cotton, he said: "Hello, Walter."

"How are you, Mr. Branch?"

"Do you know me?"

"Yes sir, that's Hurricane Branch and that's the bloodhound Tom. I ought to know you."

Cotton told of the shooting at the burglars' fortress, and acknowledged with evident pride that he was the man who sent Saunders and Welton into eternity. He said:

"When the man came to take us I was asleep. My white partner waked me and told me to get up with my shooting irons. I had two pistols. My first shot entered Mr. Welton's forehead and the ball came out behind. He fell dead. Saunders was then about two feet from me. He shot a ball through my finger. I then fired five times as fast as I could. Four bullets entered Saunders' breast and one went through his arm. That finished him. The man with them left when the others were killed. Then I skipped."

GRIZZARD'S GUN.

The gun with which Saunders and Welton were shot was a 38-calibre pearl-handled Smith & Wesson that was stolen from Jack Grizzard's bed chamber Wednesday morning.

There is now little doubt that Cotton was the assassin of George W. Bick, the Emporia saloon-keeper, who was murdered a few weeks ago. A bunch of Bick's keys was found on his person.

W. H. Mason has been arrested at Arrington, and men are out after two or three other persons, who are thought to be implicated with the band of robbers.

THE REWARD.

Hurricane Branch says the reward of about \$400 or more will be divided between himself and Moore, though there are likely to be other claimants.

Branch says he has slept only five hours since Monday night. He has been appointed a deputy sheriff of Greenville county for a term of three years, he says. "Tom," the noted bloodhound, did good work, and is nearly exhausted.

CAPT. VAUGHAN'S COMPANY.

Captain C. C. Vaughan, Jr., of Franklin, was wired this morning by Judge Sam Goodwyn, of Emporia, to hold his company in readiness to leave for the town on short notice from the Governor. Vaughan communicated with Governor Tyler, and word came back that the Richmond Blues would be used. The Blues were sent. Captain Vaughan had notified his men and was ready to start with sixty soldiers if they had been needed.

Walter Cotton was sentenced to be hanged in Portsmouth January 12th for murder. Through strategy on the part of a confederate and negligence of a watchman he escaped December 26th. Since then the officers of the two States had been on the lookout in hopes of aiding justice and earning a reward.

COTTON BOASTS.

Troops surrounded the Emporia jail to-night and fear of a lynching is past. In the early portion of the night the Governor received a telegraphic request for another company, but after it had been gotten in readiness a message came, saying it would not be needed.

Cotton was unconcerned all through



Farmers and Furrows

A farmer is known by his furrow as the carpenter is known by his chips." It takes a firm hand and a true eye to turn a straight furrow. No wonder the farmer wears out, spite of exercise and fresh air. One day's work on the farm would tire many a trained athlete. And the farmer works hardest of all. The first up and the last to bed, feeding his team before he feeds himself, his work is practically never done. Why does not the farmer treat his own body as he treats the land he cultivates? He puts back in phosphate what he takes out in crops, or the land would grow poor. The farmer should put back into his body the vital elements exhausted by labor. If he does not, he will soon complain of "poor health." The great value of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is in its vitalizing power. It gives strength to the stomach, life to the lungs, purity to the blood. It supplies Nature with the substances by which she builds up the body, just as the farmer supplies Nature with the substances that build up the crops.

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his peril, and boasted to his captors that he had killed twenty-five white men.

WILL WITHDRAW TROOPS.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—After having called on the Governor for additional troops, the officials and citizens of Emporia reached an agreement to-night whereby the soldiers will be at once withdrawn. Major Cutchins, in charge of the troops, telegraphed the Governor, at the request of Judge Goodwyn and Sheriff Lee, to send another company. Later a conference was held at Judge Goodwyn's house and representative citizens pledged themselves to preserve order. It was agreed to swear in twenty-five citizens' guards and Major Cutchins agreed to withdraw his soldiers as soon as requested by Sheriff Lee to do so. Lee stated he would give this order as soon as the guards were sworn in.

JUDGE GOODWYN THREATENED.

It was the opinion of newspaper correspondents on the ground that the citizens are putting up a ruse on Judge Goodwyn and the Governor, and that the prisoners will be lynched as soon as the troops are withdrawn. They will not be removed until after midnight. It is stated that there was a plot to-night to blow up Judge Goodwyn's house with dynamite. It could not be traced to a reliable source, but the people were so angry with Judge Goodwyn for calling for military that many threats were made against him.

TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Richmond, Va., March 24.—12:26 a. m.—Major Cutchins received a written order from Sheriff Lee at midnight, endorsed by Judge Goodwyn, and withdrew the troops into the Courthouse for a night's rest, and the citizens' guard went on duty. Everybody expects trouble before morning.

A LYNCHING EXPECTED.

Richmond, Va., March 23.—At 11:25 the jail was in charge of the local guards, and the military were quartered in the court-house. It was reported however that a mob was approaching from Pleasant Hill and another from along the Atlantic and Danville Railway. Despite the assurances of the sheriff, it is feared there will be a lynching before morning.

MILITARY AGAIN CALLED.

Richmond, Va., March 24.—1:14 a. m.—The military have again been called upon to take charge of the jail, it being reported that a lynch mob is forming on the edge of the town. Major Cutchins has wired the Governor for another company.

WILL PROTECT PRISONER.

Richmond, Va., March 24.—2:40 a. m.—A special from Emporia, sent at 2:05 a. m., says Major Cutchins has notified the leaders of the mob that he will protect the prisoners as long as he has a man standing, and means to shoot to kill. This has had the effect of dampening the zeal of the would-be lynchers, and it is thought law will prevail.

BROOKS RAMSEY'S PLUNDER.

Through a chance overhearing of a conversation carried on between friends of Brooks Ramsey, shot in Norfolk for numerous crimes, Deputy R. E. Norfleet has been instrumental in recovering several articles stolen from Norfolk citizens. A communication with the Norfolk police brought Detective Heppel to Suffolk this morning.

Deputy Norfleet, Sergeant Ames and Detective Heppel recovered a fine satchel which Ramsey had given his mother; a suit of clothes presented to his father, and a double case lady's gold watch given to a sister, who lives in the country. It was claimed that the father had been given a sum of money. None was recovered, however. The relatives will not be prosecuted. They were probably innocent in accepting the gifts.

FOUNDED.

Rev. W. W. Gaines, a colored Baptist preacher, and his wife were founded last night by members of the preacher's congregations and other well wishers. The gifts included a carpet, furniture, and lots of things to eat.

RECEPTION.

A musical reception was to-night given by Hon. and Mrs. John B. Pinner to Hon. and Mrs. C. W. Tanner, of Richmond. It was a pleasant occasion.

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spell treated me. By this time the humor had developed into two

Scrofula Sores

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Go Back to Hood's

when his medicine had been taken. So again I bought a half dozen Hood's and continued with it until I was cured. I must have used two or three dozen bottles. It cured me perfectly and I have not had a symptom of scrofula since. "I think highly of Hood's Pills; always carry them in my vest pocket. I use them whenever I feel a little disturbed in my stomach when my food does not digest just right. They are splendid, and I never am troubled with a headache. I can truly state that I have found your medicines to be good, and am pleased to recommend them. "Sincerely yours, C. V. ARNOLD."

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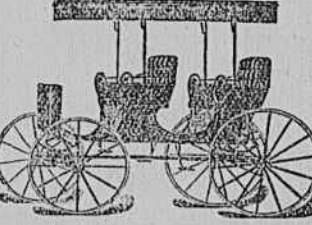
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